

SENATE RESOLUTION 48
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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Dana Longton, 2001
Valedictorian of Clarksville High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Dana Longton is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Clarksville High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Dana has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, In her remarkable high school career, Miss Longton has earned an exemplary grade point average; she is a member of the National Honor Society, a National Merit Finalist, an "AP Scholar," a holder of six Gold Excel Cards, and winner of the Principal's Award and the Robert Penn Warren Award; and

WHEREAS, Dana's academic achievements have been recognized at the Recognition Day Awards, at which she was named the Top Advanced Algebra II student and received a Biology I Achievement recognition in the 9th grade; was named the Top Geometry Student and

the Top Chemistry Student in the 10th grade; and was named the Top Pre-Calculus Student, the Top AP Biology Student, the Top Advanced Latin Student and the Top French I student in the 11th Grade; she was also acknowledged for winning Gold Medals on the National Latin Examination in each of those years; and

WHEREAS, Miss Longton has a passion for Latin, and has consistently placed high in the various categories of the Junior Classical League, winning numerous awards in the Regional, Mid-State, State and National competitions in Latin I, II, III and IV, and serving as Consul in the 11th and 12th grades; she was named to the Tennessee Upper Level Certamen team in her Sophomore and Junior years; and

WHEREAS, Dana's achievements in Latin include winning the Warren-Taylor-Hopkins Award in the Pentathlon in Latin II and III; winning three gold medals for three National Latin Examinations; attaining Best of Show honors at the State Level in Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension in both Latin II and III; achieving perfect scores in Vocabulary at the Regional Level in Latin III and IV; and serving as a Charter Member of the Web Wildcats Club, and as its second president, she is the editor of the Latin and Junior Classical League Web pages, which she created as a Sophomore; and

WHEREAS, Miss Longton is a serious student of piano, which she has studied for nine years; she has won "superiors" in each of the four years she has performed at the Austin Peay Music Festival, and she has been awarded a National Membership by the American College of Musicians and the National Guild of Piano Teachers; and

WHEREAS, Dana has been included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, was a member of her school's 7th place team at the Oak Ridge Science Competition, has attended two and will attend soon her third Academic Awards Banquet; was on her school's third place team at the Envirothon Regionals in the 11th grade; was a member of the first place Math team in the Regionals in the 10th grade; was a delegate to Volunteer Girls State in June of 2000; and holds a two-year Perfect Attendance Record; and

WHEREAS, Miss Longton's talents have found outlet through her meritorious service as a member of the Clarksville Environmental Action Society, editor of the Literary Magazine during her Senior year, Accompanist for the Choir in the 10th grade, and as a member of Interact in the 10th grade; this civic-minded young lady performs volunteer work at Sterling House and with the Humane Society, and has served as a tutor for two hours per week during the 10th-12th grades; and

WHEREAS, Dana's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Longton's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Rick and Gail Longton, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Dana's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor 2001 Clarksville High School Valedictorian, Dana Longton, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.